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"DALMUIR,"

CEDARS AVENUE,
RICKMANSWORTH,
HERTS.

16. XI. 1925

Dear Sir

I enclose a manuscript on
"The earliest coins of Norway" in
the belief that it may make a
suitable addition to the Numismatic
Notes and Monographs published
by the The American Numismatic
Society. I have observed that there
is a marked interest in the Scandinavian
coinage

coinages in your great country - far
more so than in the British Isles, and
the publication of the M.S. in
America would therefore reach a
larger interested public. In
Norway itself there appears to
be no great measure of numismatic
interest.

My name may be known to you
as the Sanford Sælmer gold medalist
(1923) for Anglo-Saxon numismatics.
The study of this branch of coins
has necessarily involved an
examination of the early
Scandinavian money which
followed Anglo-Saxon models.

P.S. If you accept the M.S. I
will forward the cash of the
coins necessary to illustrate it.
Some of them have been supplied from Stockholm & Oslo.

yours sincerely
H. Alexander Pearson.

December 16th, 1925

H. Alexander Parsons, Esq.
"Dalmuir", Cedars Avenue
Rickmansworth, Herts.

Dear Mr. Parsons:

Your manuscript on The Earliest Coins of Norway, which was sent by you to Mr. Nee, has been referred to the Publication Committee, and the Committee is pleased to accept it as a contribution to Numismatic Notes and Monographs.

I consider the subject of especial interest to readers in this country; and while we know very little about these coins over here, I am sure it will find an interested public. Will you, therefore, kindly forward the casts of the coins for illustration, and we will proceed to work out a plan for having them illustrated in the text according to your article.

Thanking you for your excellent contribution to our series,

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman,
Publication Committee

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11 Jan'y 1926

Dear Mr. Parson.

Thank you for your letter of the
16th ult. In response to it I enclose
the 8 pairs of casts necessary for
the illustration of my paper. They
are annotated at the back of the
casts and I think give all the
necessary information for their arrangement.

Yours

You will, no doubt, let me see a copy
before publication.

With new year compliments,

Yours very truly

J. Alex. Parson.

March 18th, 1926

H. Alexander Parsons, Esq.
"Dalmuir" , Cedars Ave.
Rickmansworth, Herts.

Dear Mr. Parsons:

Herewith, I am sending to you for your examination the reproductions of the coins for your article. I hope they will meet with your approval as Mr. Wood, our Curator, has taken special care with them. These have been intentionally made larger for ease in inking them in, but they will, of course, be reduced when the cuts are prepared.

I am sending at the same time, a specimen of the font we propose to use in the transliteration of the inscriptions. It is especially difficult for us to get a font in the size of letter necessary for our monograph, and to have one that contains such unusual letters as are required. The chief difficulty, as you will see, is with the Runic U, but with your parenthetical explanation and with the help of the plates, I think we shall have reasonably overcome the difficulty.

Will you let me have a response as promptly as possible, as we shall await this before handing the manuscript to the printer? It is our purpose then to send you a single proof; and with this, we hope to send the zinc cuts from the plate which is enclosed herewith.

At the time you receive first proof, if you will let me have a list of those to whom you wish the monograph sent, we shall be very glad to mail them for you; or, we can send the 50 copies to which you are entitled, as author, to you for such distribution as you desire.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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31. III. 1926

Dear Mr Roe

Thanks for your letter of the 18th inst
received a few days ago. The illustrations
should work out quite well and my thanks are
due to Mr Wood for the trouble taken. The
impressions are returned herewith.

I have amended, in red ink, the
inscriptions to show the Saxon font as we
have them in this country. The differences
lie chiefly in the unbarred A and square
C, G and S. But the modern Roman type would
suffice.

suffice. I leave it to you. It is desirable
to get as near as possible to the true
~~in~~ action but, as you say, the explanation
and the illustrations will leave the meaning
clear.

I shall be glad if you will arrange
to have 50 presentation copies sent to me.

I notice that you have been
specialising in the publication of boards
and although these have relation to
the classic coins you may like to
have a copy of one of my latest
monographs dealing with boards of
coins of the last Roman period. I
enclose one. It is part of a general work on Late Roman coins.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

J. H. Parsons

May 20th, 1926

H. Alexander Parsons, Esq.
"Dalnuir", Cedars Ave.
Rickmansworth, Herts.

Dear Mr. Parsons:

I am sending you, herewith, second proof of your article. This is not page proof although it looks like it, and there will be one further proof before it finally goes to press, which, however, we shall not send you. Will you, therefore, please have your monograph in its final form as far as corrections are concerned, when it comes back to us.

I hope that you will not find many corrections necessary. In printing your inscriptions, they have been a number of alterations to your copy, and I would be glad to have you check all these very carefully.

We shall be glad to receive your corrected proof with the least delay possible.

Very truly yours,

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Editor and Secretary

June 18th, 1926

H. Alexander Parsons, Esq.
Dalmar
Cedars Avenue
Rickmansworth, Herts.

Dear Mr. Parsons:

Your proof is at hand, and I am glad that there were so few alterations necessary. The additions are, of course, very simply effected.

I note what you say about deleting the "A.D." for consistency, but I think that this is not necessary, as the deletions which I suggested were only where the reference was fairly obviously A.D. I hope you will not object to our having left them as set up.

Referring to your initial citation of the Norse American Centennial, we have decided to use this as the frontispiece of the monograph. The design was made by one of the best of our American sculptors and is quite fitting for the purpose. Furthermore, it has not been adequately published or reproduced, so far as I can ascertain. I feel sure that you will approve of this.

We shall proceed immediately to the completion of the monograph, and, in consequence, shall not await your response, but I feel confident that you will be pleased with the appearance of the publication when you receive it.

Very sincerely yours,

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3. VII. 1926

Dear Mr Roe

In reply to your letter of the
8th ultimo the question of the deletion of
A. 17 is one of small moment. I think myself
that the coins read better - less abruptly -
with the two letters or their equivalents
"the year", than merely "so and so happened in
1000."

Your suggestion regarding the punctuation
is a good one, and will no doubt improve
the monograph.

In my study of the Late Anglo-Saxon

period I have gathered a good many notes
relating to the early days of all the
Scandinavian countries, and I shall shortly
be putting into written form a series
and "The genesis of the Scandinavian
countries". You might like to use this
when ready as a further contribution
to notes & monographs. By I mention
it now is that the paper would
be cast in a somewhat different form
for the American than for the English or
the European sales.

Yours very truly

W. H. Parsons

July 21st, 1926

H. Alexander Parsons, Esq.
"Balmuir"
Cedars Avenue
Rickmansworth, Herts.

Dear Mr. Parsons:

Your letter at hand. We hope to have your monograph printed within a fortnight, at which time copies will be sent you.

With regard to your notes for "The genesis of the Scandinavian Coinages", we feel that we are not in a position to accept this at the present time. There are a number of other articles which await printing; and until we can observe how the "Earliest Coins of Norway" is received by our members, we do not feel it wise to commit ourselves. I, therefore, regret that I am unable to send you a more definite response.

Very truly yours,

Editor and Secretary

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1. 11. 1976

Dear Mr Mac

I have been away from
home bus. on my return

I have found that in single
copies of my monograph on the
"Earliest Coins of Norway" were sent
England in the early part of the
year.

worth. The complimentary copies
for my use I am, however, not
yet come to hand and if
you think they are overdue
at this date perhaps inquiries
will be instituted on your
part.

The class improves in management

Very kind regards

P.S.

Perhaps 2 copies could
be forwarded for my
immediate personal use
pending the inquiries
regarding the book

Yours sincerely
Helen Garrison

September 11th, 1926

H. Alexander Parsons, Esq.
Dalmuir, Cedars Avenue
Rickmansworth, Herts.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter today received,
we very much regret that your fifty complimentary
copies of "The Earliest Coins of Norway" were not
forwarded sooner. The matter shall have immediate
attention, and I trust that you will receive them
with no further delay.

Very truly yours,

Publication Department

October 15, 1927

H. Alexander Parsons, Esq.,
Rickmansworth,
Hertfordshire, England

Dear Mr Parsons:

The two reprints from the "British Numismatic Journal", which you sent for our Library, have just reached me. Thank you very much, indeed. We are very glad to have these for our Library and appreciate your thought for us. There is a growing interest in this field, I believe, not only on the Continent, but over here.

Very truly yours,

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Secretary

10th November, 1927

H. Alexander Parsons, Esq.,
Dalmuir,
Cedar Avenue,
Rickmansworth, England

Dear Mr. Parsons:

Thank you very much indeed for the reprint
of your article on the Coinage of Griqualand, which we are
very glad to have for our Library. We appreciate your
thought of us..

Very cordially yours,

Secretary and Librarian

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Reply to:—

"DALMUIR,"

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RICKMANSWORTH,
HERTS.

Dec. 2, 1924

Dear Sir,

Some time ago I suggested
your acceptance of an article
on the "Genesis" of the Samaritan
Pomaz, which, however, other matters
prevented from being in readiness.
It will therefore be postponed to this afternoon.
As I, however, greater interest is now
being taken in the medieval
period I could contribute to your
referred article of Samaritanism.

a copy on the "The earliest image
of the life of man which belongs
to the same period as the
earliest forms of art."

I understand that it is
named the "Garden". This was
written by a young man, but
as the title is "The Garden"
it is obvious that the subject
is the "Garden". I have been told that
it is a very good work.

Yours very truly
John Ruskin

8th March, 1928

M. Alexander Parsons, Esq.,
Honorary Librarian,
The British Numismatic Society

Dear Mr. Parsons:

Your letter of February 24th is at hand. If the article on 'The Earliest Coinage of the Isle of Man' of which you write is ready, I should be very glad to have you send it and to submit it to our Publication Committee. I feel they will be sure to give it a friendly reception, but further than this I can not go without seeing the article. I doubt very much that we could have it printed by summer, but something would depend on its length, and this might be a possibility.

Awaiting your further word, I am

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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W. 15. 1924

Dear Mr. Mac

In reply to your letter of the 10th ult.
I have pleasure in acknowledging the
M.S. on the "Barley" coin of the 1st man
to the consideration of the Committee
of Publications. It is really a companion
work to No. 29 in 1844 and 1845, but
naturally it must be looked at on its
own merits, which I trust will be found

to be no responsibility

With best regards

Yours sincerely

H. Alex. Parsons

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25. VI. 1928

Dear Mr. Lee

Thank you for your courteous
letter of the 11th inst. The manuscript
was duly received, but I shall be
obliged if you will return also
in case of the coins intended for
illustration. Intrinsically they are
valueless, but as you know they
can be produced only from a wax
mould and the operation is sometimes

disastrous when fragile material comes
are concerned. I do not wish to
submit my specimens to in operation
again if it can be avoided.

Yours very truly

Alexander. Parson.

11th June, 1928

H. Alexander Parsons, Esq.,
Honorary Librarian,
The British Numismatic Society,

Dear Mr. Parsons:

It is with regret that I communicate the decision of our Publication Committee. Owing to previous commitments, in large measure, but also to the fact that a very small number of our members are informed or interested in your subject, we can not see our way clear to accepting your monograph for publication.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

Dear Mr. Van.

I hasten to
acknowledge receipt
of the cash, delivered
this morning some
time after your letter
of the 11th inst. came to
hand. The matter is
now in order.

Yours sincerely
Alex. Leitch.

POST CARD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



Mr Sydney P. Lee

The American Businessman, 67

Between 155th & 156th Street,

New York

U.S.A.

October 29, 1930

H. Alexander Parsons, Esq.

"Dalmuir"

Rickmansworth, Herts,

England

Dear Mr. Parsons:

Thank you very much indeed for your gift of the reprints of the two articles published by you in Volume XIV of the British Numismatic Journal. We greatly appreciate your thought for our library and are very glad indeed to have these copies.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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~~WAGNER, A.~~

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